

Botanical & Zoological  
Gardens.

July 28th 1897

Sir

I have the honor to report as follows  
on Gardens operations since June 11th  
of the information of the Garden  
Committee

All the minor roads have been  
removed and put into good order and  
the drain laid over the hill for the  
gate has been completed

The heaps formed by the accumulation  
by the accumulation of soil and sand  
prior to the brick drains being laid down  
are now being removed and the  
turf levelled

The beds are now in very fair order  
and the general appearance of the  
Gardens is tolerably clean and as  
no heavy operations are being  
carried out just now I think that  
the work will be sufficient for the year  
on the ordinary business of the  
place and I am, Sir, very  
truly yours

end of the present month

Since the last meeting of the  
Committee I have carried out two  
resolutions of the Committee passed on  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1845. viz. 1<sup>st</sup> to buy a fair boat  
permanently - as the already one is repairing  
and there are several minor repairs  
to be carried out and 2<sup>nd</sup> by submitting  
the sketch of the new boat to the  
Committee with a list of the  
ladders

The boat of the office has been repaired  
as the rain came through on the  
previous day

The 1<sup>st</sup> of December is a day when  
we engaged in trenching a piece of  
ground for tea & coffee which proves  
a more arduous undertaking than I  
had anticipated. Since the American  
India rubber (Lat. Hevea) has been  
discovered in the West Indies  
it has been found that the  
Liberian coffee is  
just commencing to bloom profusely  
A plot has been sown with tea seeds  
from Java, finally procured by the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Colonial Secretary

I have been unable to do anything  
as yet towards getting rid of the  
mosses on the ground by the river

I have disposed of the Diggins, and one  
Leopard and four getting choked with  
a bone and only one now remains.

(As the Committee have voted to  
Suspend Case it is not necessary  
to recapitulate the circumstances  
here. We have left the driver which is  
now closed.

I have to submit for your consideration  
a certificate given me by the man who at  
last if a native observer is to be made of.  
I would recommend that he present  
head Mandae Abdul Sami if he  
takes on in that position, and as he  
is a married man and as such as the  
head advisory man, I would not go  
to consider the practicability of giving  
them in a Chief's audience house  
together.

The range of trees re. which gives a  
dubious leaf. Each the office to aid  
the long road is now getting to  
look very unweighty and I await your  
decision regarding it, and also about  
the piece of ground near the fence  
opposite the Natianah's house.

I have to leave the matter of  
the piece of ground near the fence

request about 1000 plants to the bandmen  
of the 28<sup>th</sup> Regt. for their barracks gardens  
contributions of plants and seeds have  
been received from the Bot. Gardens  
Lancaster, Brisbane, Manchester  
Queensland Acclimatization Society

Sir <sup>the</sup> William Sydney the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Douglas Oak. Dr. Little - (the Duke  
and a large collection of American  
plants and other plants from Mr  
Hutton. England

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Yours most obedient servant  
J. D. D. D.  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup>